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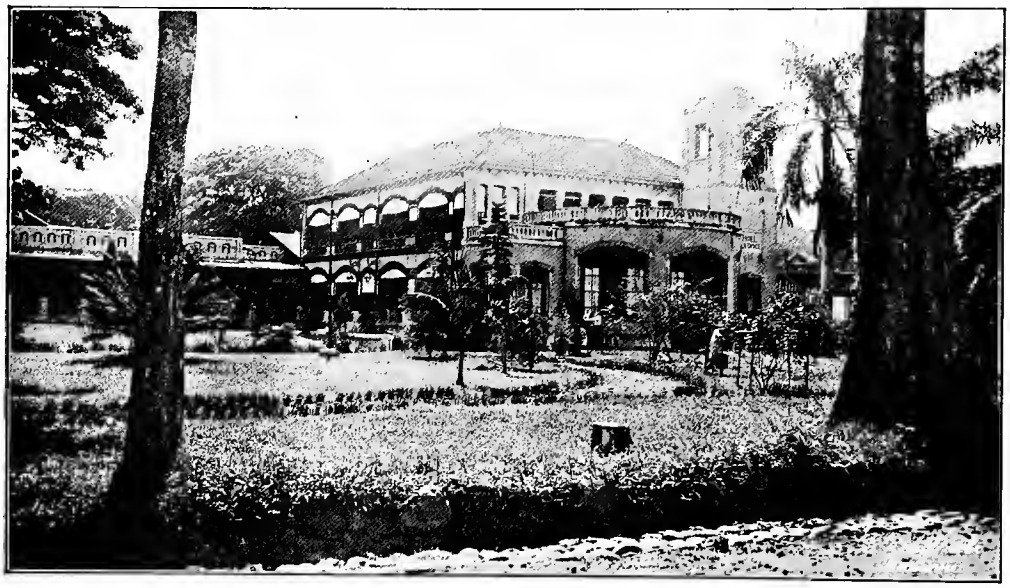

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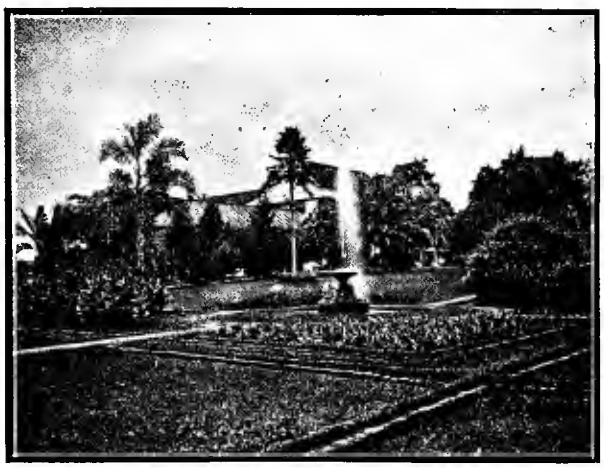

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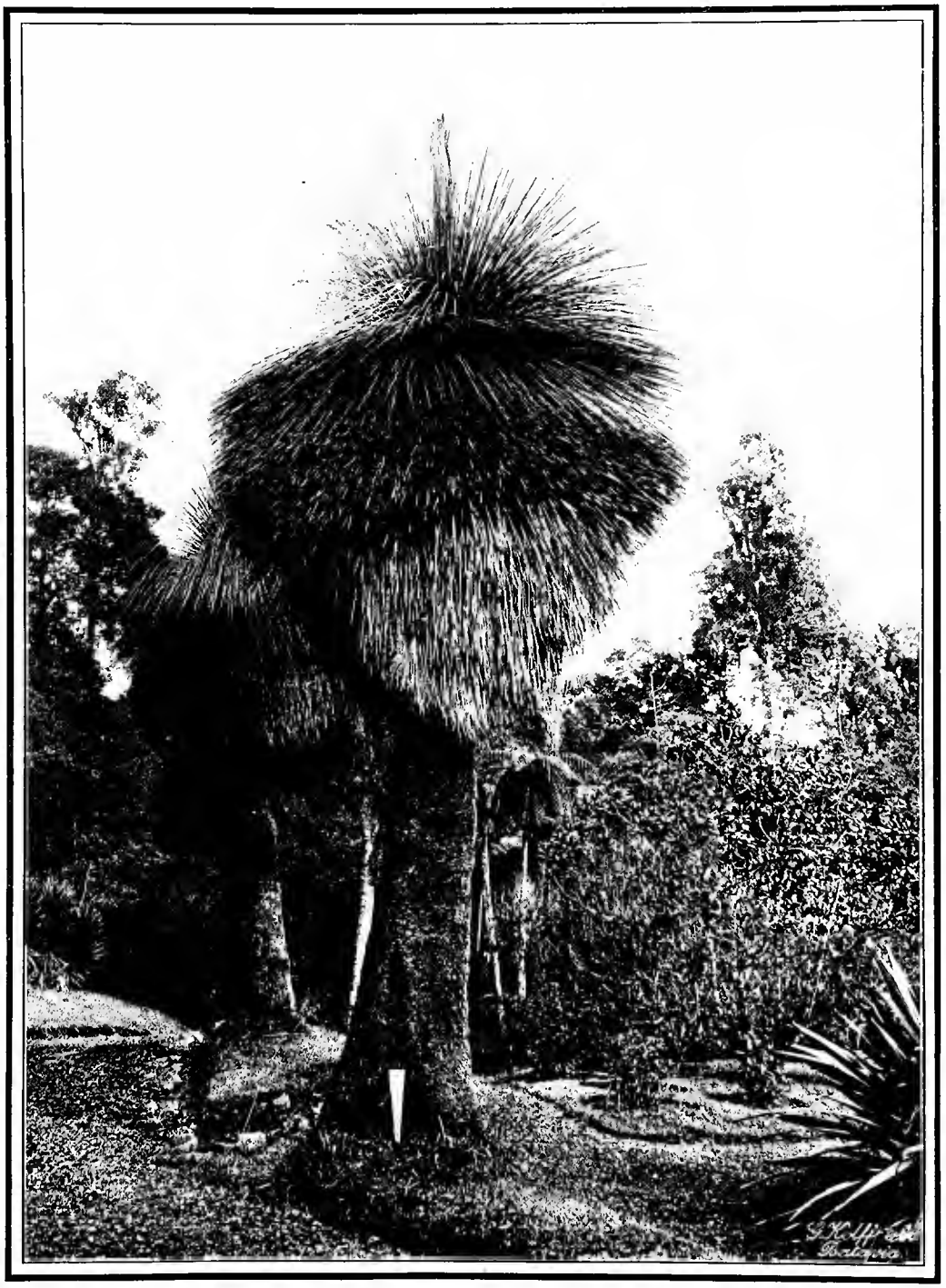


*Grass-tree — Tjibodas*

# AROUND MOUNT GEDEH.

From Buitenzorg there are two routes leading East, one by train, the other by motor-car or trap over the wellknown Poentjak Pass, the latter leading from there via Sindanglaja, to Tjiandjoer, where the railway line is met.

This mainroad is the famous road due to the indomitable will and sometimes misplaced judgment of Governor-General Daendels (the Iron marshall) who held the reigns from 1808—1811. It extends in a long straight line from Anjer in the West to Banjoewangi in the extreme East, a distance of some 700 miles.

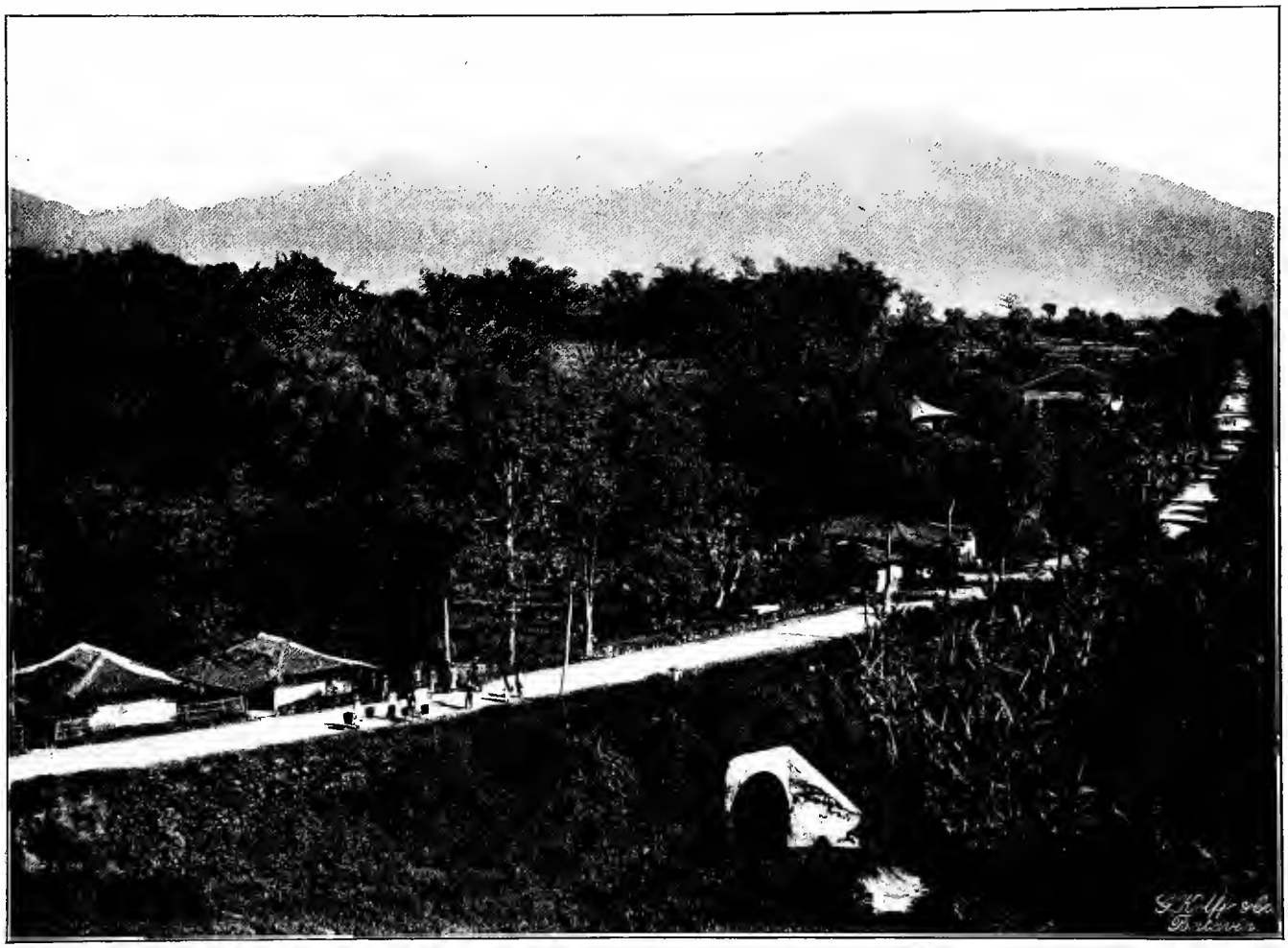


*Photo Kerkhoff Soerabaya* *Road over the Poentjak Pass*

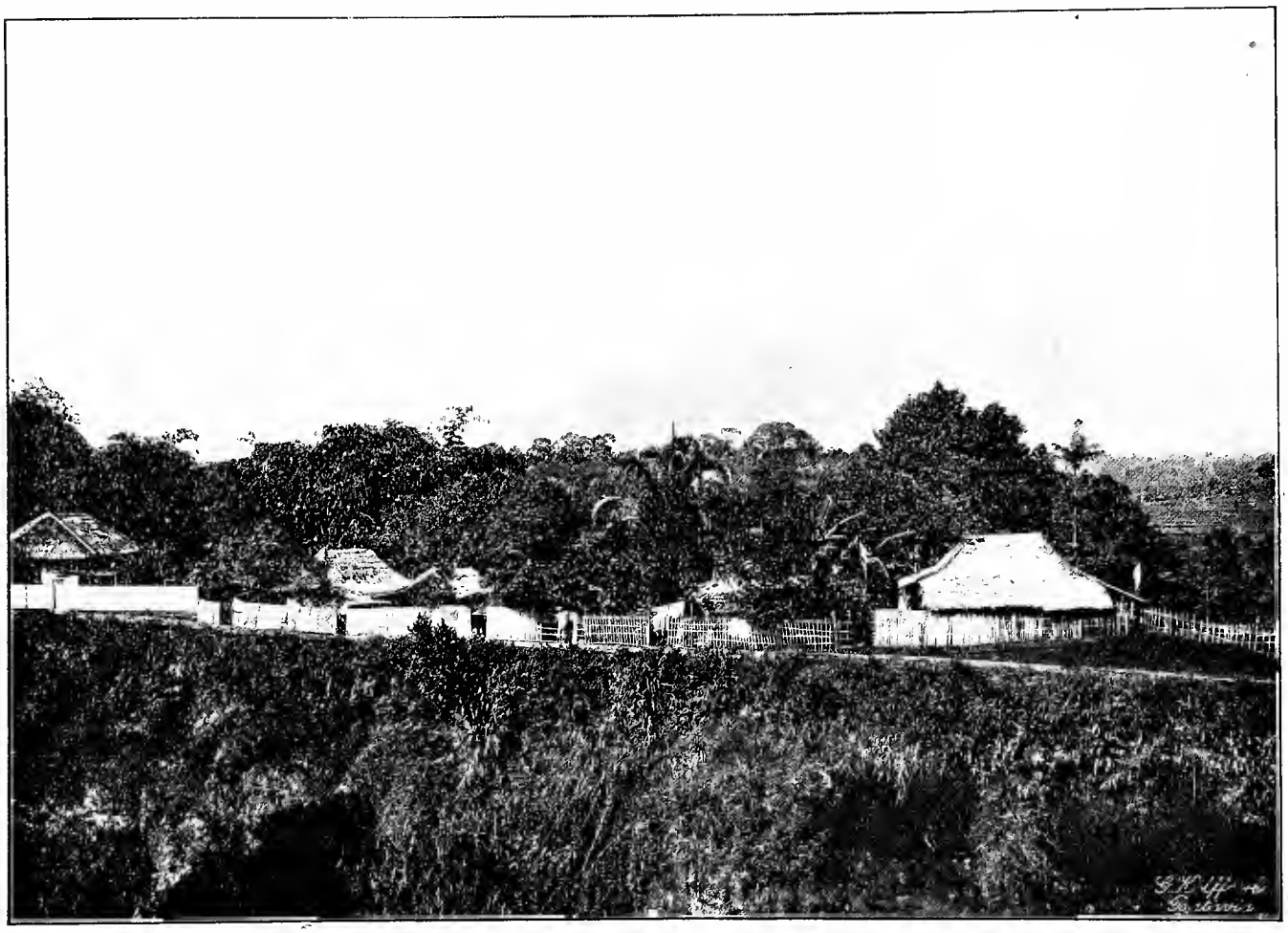
It heeds no obstacles but runs over instead of around them, for nothing could deter or be allowed to hinder this undertaking of the Iron marshall, neither seeming impossibilities, nor the fearful deathrate of the native labourers. It is said that some 20.000 native workmen lost their lives in the making of the small part of the road from Buitenzorg to Sindanglaja.

As the road is hardly to be used on account of its high gradient of steepness (in some places 33 %) it was afterwards corrected by making the fine road in use at present,

which runs from Buitenzorg around and to the South of Mount Gedeh via Soekaboemi to Tjiandjoer.

The railway line from Buitenzorg runs from that place due South and enters near the station Tjitjoeroeg the Preanger Residency one of the most fertile provinces of the whole of Java, which covers some 8.000 square miles.

From the train there are ever changing views of Mounts Salak, and Gedeh, both of which alternately appear due ahead, to the right or the left in a most confusing manner as the track



*View of Mount Salak*

follows the winding course of the Tji (River) Sidane and crosses the saddle between these two mountains.

Tea plantations are intercepted by ricefields (sawah's) and on all sides a most ideal tropical vegetation is seen. These picturesque ricefields have won for Java the name of „The granary of the East" No fertilizer of any kind is applied to these irrigated sawah's but to burn over and plow the stubbled field after the padi, or ripe ears of grain have been cut one by one with a knife and borne away in the sheaves strung on carrying poles across the native's shoulders.

**Soekaboemi.** The first place after Buitenzorg which is frequented by tourists but more so by Residents of Java is Soekaboemi a name, which signifies „the worlds delight". This absolutely expresses the charms of this beautiful hill station, which is situated at a height of 2.300 a.s. on the slopes of Gedeh Mountain.

It is much frequented by inhabitants from the coast places who come there to recuparate and for pleasure and especially during the months of June — July, September and December it is very crowded on account of the schools having vacation.

It has two large hotels, Victoria and Selabatoe and besides numerous boardinghouses. Walks and drives reveal also many enticing spots, and besides there are pleasant strolls about the place itself, with its beautiful homes.

*Vogelweg Soekaboemi*

A charming excursion can be made by driving to Selabintana some 3/4 of an hour distant where a small hotel is found and proceeding through the plantations of the tea-estate Goalpara on horseback to a small bamboo hut, from where there is a distant view of an exquisite waterfall which has a drop of some 400'.

Another excursion is the one to Baros which is about 4 miles from Soekaboemi. The terraced ricefields seen on both sides of the road remind one of Ceylon. The beautiful hedges bordering the villages when not of bamboo, gleam with every colour of the rainbow from the beautiful blue-red coloured flowers of the Bougainville to the red white or yellow

*Baros and Baros Bridge*

flowers of the Kembang Spatoe (hibiscus) whilst among them and in between climb the convolvulus vines with its heavenly blue flowers.

The Baros suspension bridge connects the two banks of the Tji (River) Mandiri a swift and winding mountain stream, which runs its course Westward to the Wynkoops Bay 35 miles distant where it casts itself in the Indian Ocean.

Wynkoops Bay is one of the few attainable points on the South Coast abundant in grand scenery, where the waves, piled up by the high surf dash upon the dusky rocks, covering them with liquid lacework.

From Soekaboemi it is an easy reached spot along a most picturesque road. Near the seashore

*Native orchestra (Gamelang)*

stands a Government resthouse where travellers may stay after obtaining permission from the districts commissioner (controleur) at Tjitjoeroeg.

Some 11 miles further along the coast is another resthouse at a place called Tjisolok where besides a beautiful view on the Indian Ocean some interesting excursions may be done to hot springs in the vicinity.

**From Soekaboemi to Sindanglaja.** When leaving Soekaboemi the next place on the route of Tourists is the wellknown health resort Sindanglaja already mentioned above. It takes

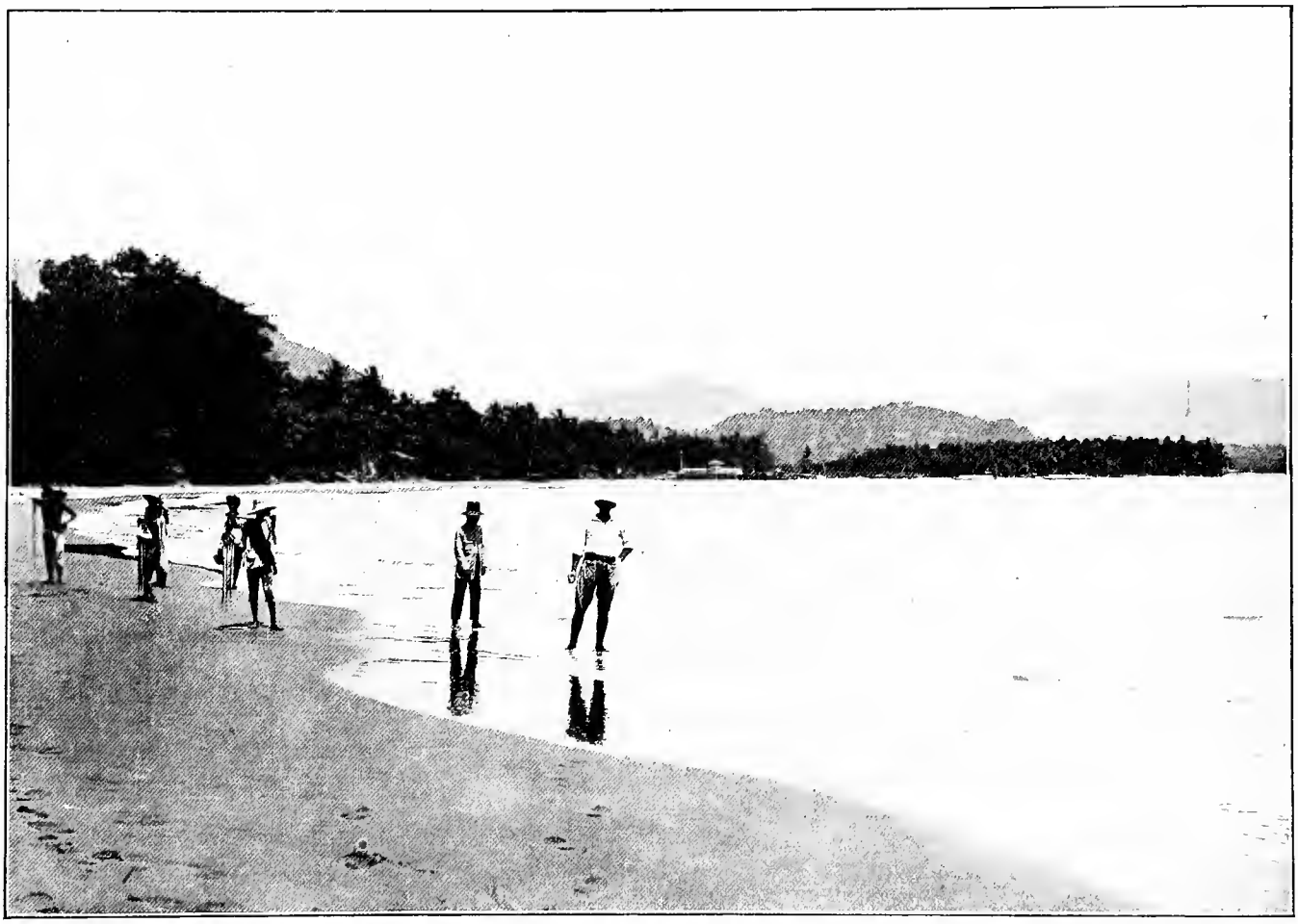


*Photo Kerkhoff Soerabaya* *South coast of Java — Wynkoops Bay*

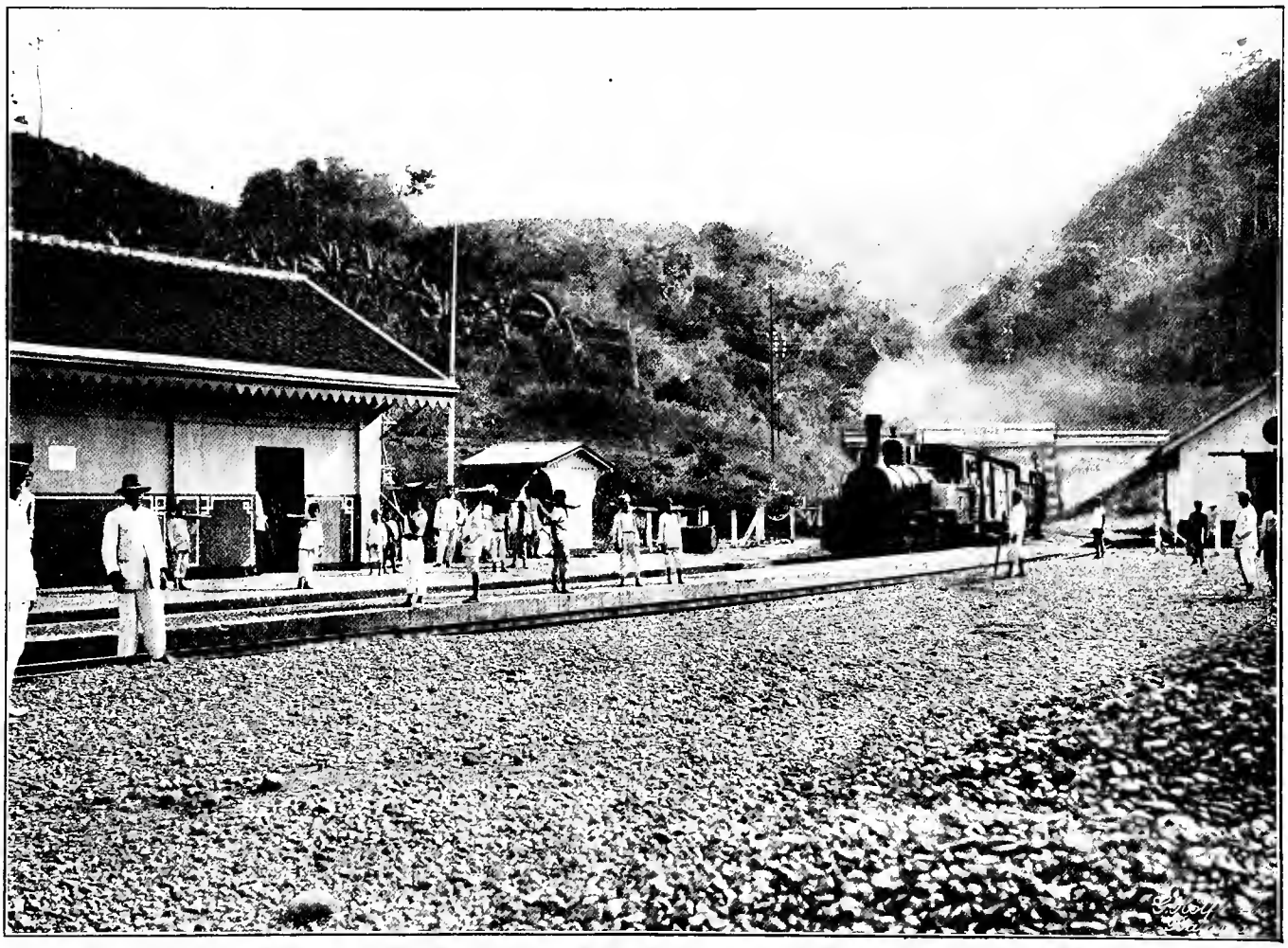
a little over an hour to go by rail from Soekaboemi to Tjiandjoer from which place Sindanglaja is reached by motorcar or trap.

The route is very picturesque with the Gedeh on the left and the Mountains near Baros standing out in high relief to the South. The high road between Soekaboemi and Tjiandjoer passes between the Mountains Gedeh and Goenoeng Kentjana, but the railway track, with many curves climbs to the South of the latter mountain crossing the ridge which separates the Plains of Soekaboemi and Tjiandjoer by the tunnel of Lampegan.

It then runs due North to Tjiandjoer which small place like all Javanese towns is prettily laid out with shade-trees on all the roads and fine gardens around the houses.

Tjiandjoer is situated on a plain about 2.000′ a.s. across which winds the (Tji) (river)-Andjoer, the „Crooked River" which gives its name to the place.

It is some 9 miles uphill from Tjiandjoer to Sindanglaja through a beautiful lane planted with shade-trees all the way. Variegated hedges borders the road, kampong succeeds kampong, sawah after sawah is terraced of on hill and in valley. Gedeh and Pangerango



*Lampegan. Entrance of tunnel* *Photo Kerkhoff, Soerabaya*

show themselves in ever increasing loveliness and everywhere and in everything loveliness, colour, life and movement are noticed.

**Tjipanas,** the beautiful country seat of the Governor-General, with its nicely situated pavillions, its fine lawns grand views and magnificient flowers, is passed.

Then the road runs over the dam, to the left of which the pretty lake of Tjisaroea is found while to the right deep down in a ravine terrace after terrace of ricefields show.

Just beyond at a turn in the road a faint glimpse of the hotel Sindanglaja is caught

with its two storied main building with spacious verandah's, its surrounding pavillions, tenniscourts, billiard-room with annex the skittle alley. Over and above tower the glorious waringin (banian) trees planted by Dr. PLOEM the founder of the Sanatorium which was the forerunner of the hotel.

Sindanglaja only consists of the hotel with its anexes but in the near vícinity many busy places are found, as the villages of Patjet and Tjimatjan whose passars (native bazaar) are of absorbing interest, covered sheds sheltering the traders in perishable goods and provisions. Opposite the stalls for white cloth and printed or batik sarongs sits a row of tailors on mats spread out on the ground. Each has his handsowingmachine in front of him and is ready

*Photo Kerkhoff Soerabaya* *Kaboepaten Tjiandjoer (Mansion of Regent)*

to cut and make up any garment which may be wanted „while you wait". The open spaces of the market are occupied by the vendors of bunches of carrots, onions, leeks, and all other kind of vegetables, for Sindanglaja is the great place of West-Java for this and supplies nearly all Batavia and other large places in that part.

The street restaurants and vendors of sweets and syrups do a rushing business in these markets but it is illustrative of the gentle ways of the Soendanese that no one stares at strangers or will even push or hurry and disputes nor even raised voices are but seldom heard.

# *NETHERLANDS INDIAN INDUSTRIES FAIR.*

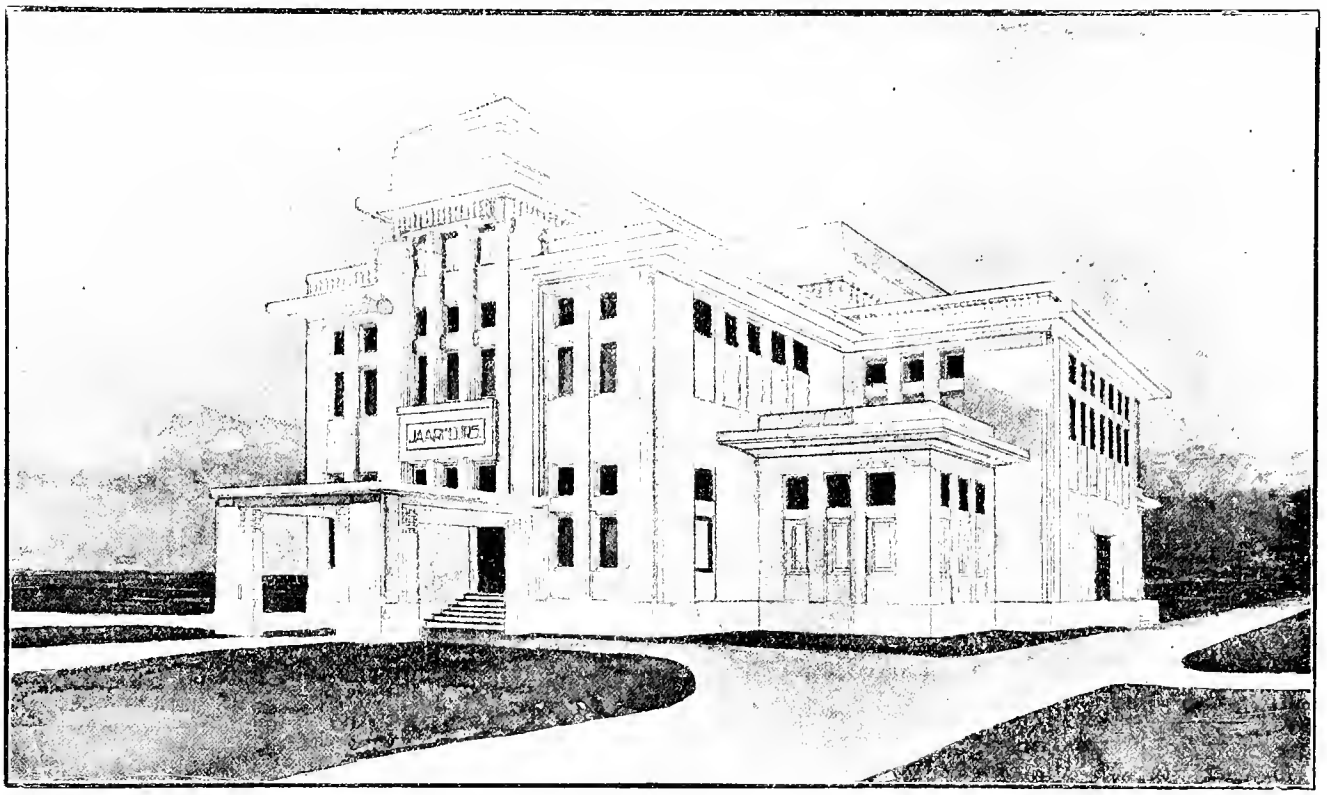
## *TO BE HELD IN BANDOENG, JAVA MAY 1920.*

In the beginning of this year a meeting was called by some of the prominent men in commercial and government circles, which had for object to awaken public interest in the founding of an industries fair for the Dutch East Indies.

As a result a committee was formed and the resolution taken that such a fair should be held—if possible every year—the first one to open in 1920. Bandoeng was chosen as the place where it should be held and it was furthermore resolved to fix as date for its opening the one following the closing of the Engineers Conference at Weltevreden.

At the fair the following will be exhibited.

1. All goods and samples of goods made in the Dutch East Indies.
2. All raw and half-materials used for industries in the Archipelago. It is immaterial whether these materials are produced here or imported, with the only restriction that, if they are to be had in sufficient quantities from these parts, imported ones will not be accepted for exhibition.



*Industries — Fair-Building*
*Bandoeng — Java*

3. Machinery and such which may be useful for the founding of new industries or which may be of use to improve already existing ones. If this machinery cannot be produced in sufficient quantity or quality in these parts imported work will be accepted.

The following may participate in the fair.

I. All native industries.

II. All native industrial enterprises.

III. All importers of raw and half-materials and machinery necessary for native industries only with the restrictions quoted under 2 and 3.

There will be no entrance-fee and every one interested in the industries of the Dutch East Indies will be welcome.

For further information regarding conditions room, ect. we refer to the Secretary of the Industries Fair, B. J. Krol Esq., 39 Oosteinde, Bandoeng, Java.

# *THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL ENGINEERS CONGRESS*

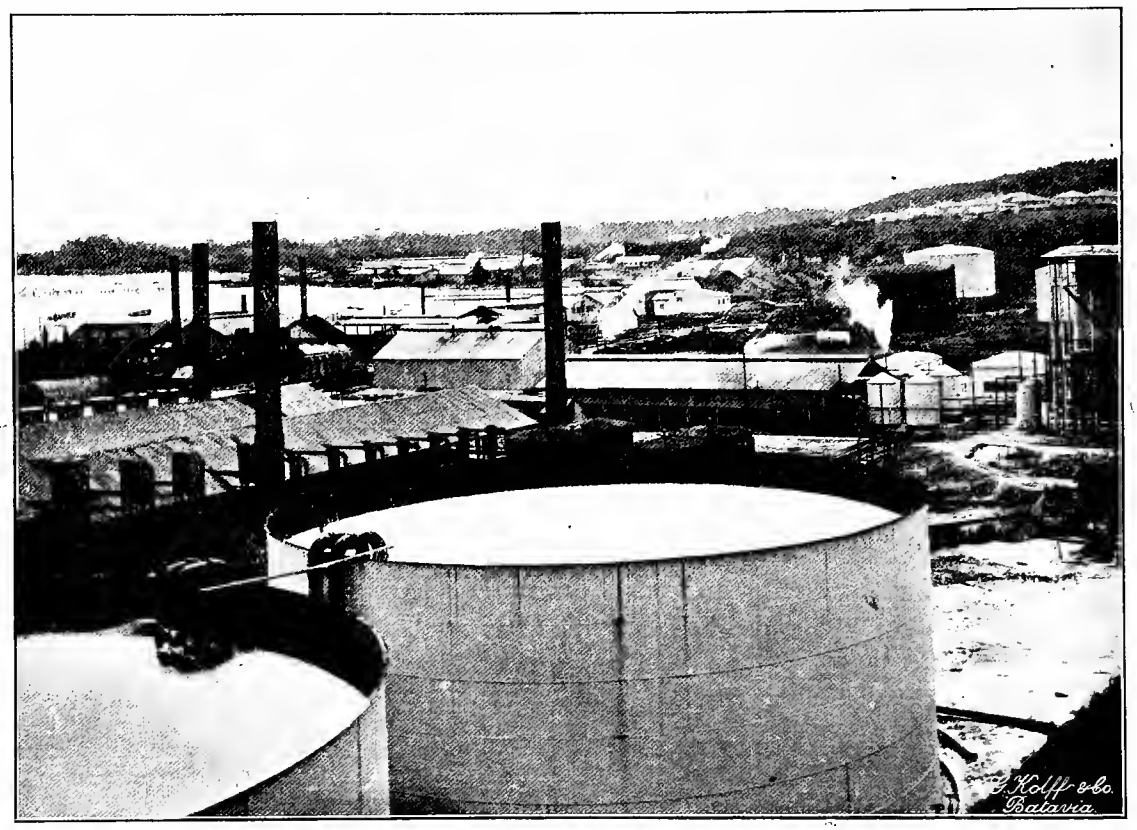
## *TO BE HELD IN THE FAR EAST.*

Information to the effect that the opening ceremony of the General Engineering Congress will take place on Saturday May 8th, 1920 and will be presided by H. E. the Governor-General, was received by us.

On the day following the opening, a reception to the visitors of the congress will be held by the municipality of the town of Batavia.

The 3rd bulletin which is now in the press, gives the entire programme of the congress works, the festivities which will be held for the visitors and the excursions to be made by them, which will begin on Monday May 17th 1920

Although the amount of interest shown by managers and engineers of industrial concerns in Netherlands India as well as abroad may be considered to be very satisfactory, as up till now a total of more than 500 applications for participation in the congress were received; amongst which a good many from California, Siam, British India, the Philipine Islands, Australia and New Zealand, China, Japan, Hongkong, Honolulu, South Africa, Egypt, Great Britain




and the Netherlands, the executive Committee entertains the hope that many more from foreign parts will send in an application.

It need hardly be mentioned that the great Industries Fair, which will be held at Bandoeng, just after the Engineers congress comes to a close, will be a most favourable opportunity for visitors of the congress to combine their technical pursuits with business interests.

In view of the many arrangements to be made on behalf of visitors as regards their reception and the reserving of room during the congress whilst further for an arrangement of the excursions to be made it will be of great advantage to know approximately the number of participants, all those who wish as yet to participate in the congress are earnestly requested to send in applications as soon as possible and not to wait till the last moment Applications to be addressed to the Secretary of the General Engineering Congress 3 Molenvliet Oost, Weltevreden, Java. A sum of Fl 15 — (Netherlands Indian Currency) to be forwarded together with the application for the membership of the congress

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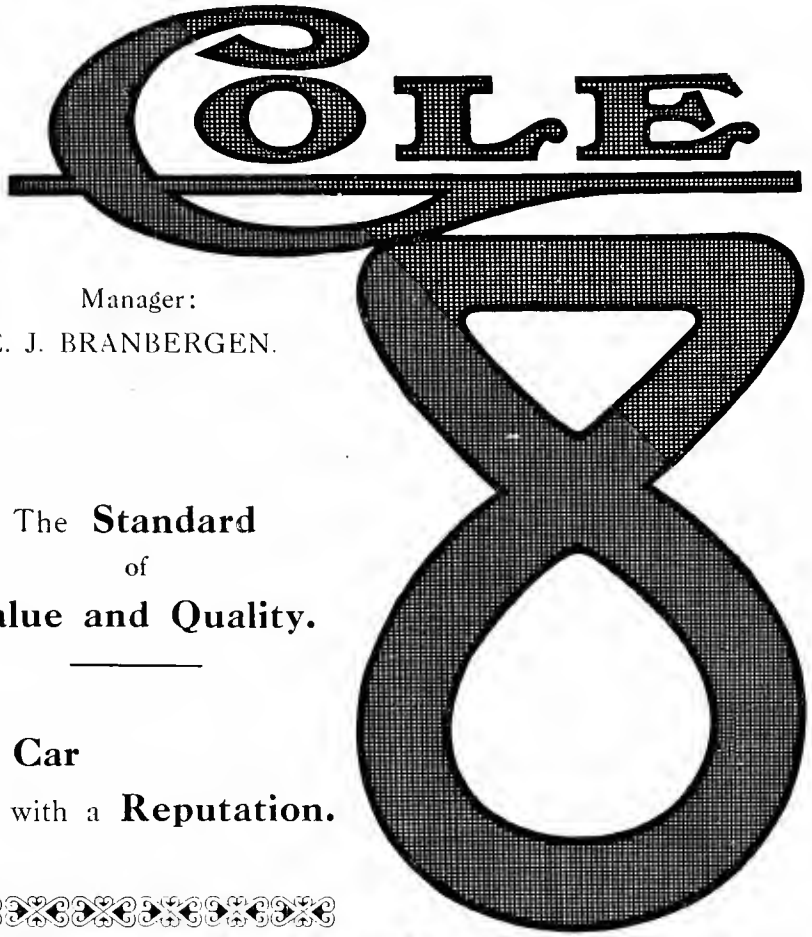


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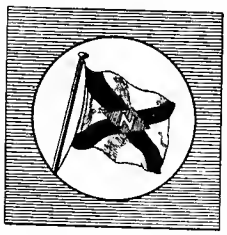

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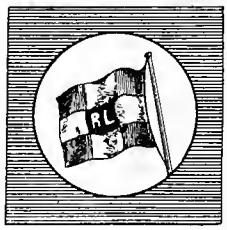

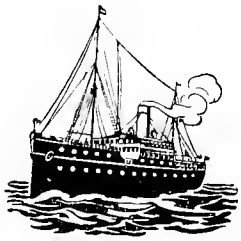

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